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Amendment dated December 17, 2009 Reply to Office Action of March 10, 2009

<u>REMARKS</u>

Claim 5 has been amended to correct the antecedent basis of the claim term "terminal."

No new material has been added. Claims 1-11, 15-23, 25, 26, 28-42, 46, 48-57, 59-61, and 63-

82 thus remain pending in this application.

An Information Disclosure Sheet is being submitted herewith in accordance with

Applicants' continued duty of disclosure to have the examiner consider references cited in U.S.

Patent No. 7,168,084, which the present application claims priority to, and in U.S. Patent

Application Serial No. 09/609,286, which also claims priority to the '084 patent.

**CONCLUSION** 

All issues having been addressed, Applicant respectfully submits that the instant

application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the

same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for

allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at

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Respectfully submitted,

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